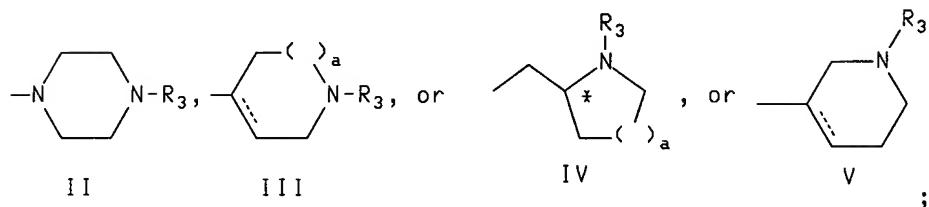
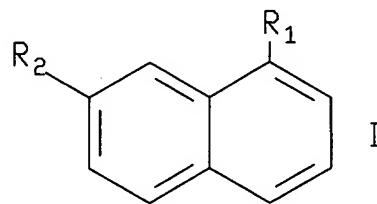


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph at Page 1, line 31 to Page 2, line 12 as follows:

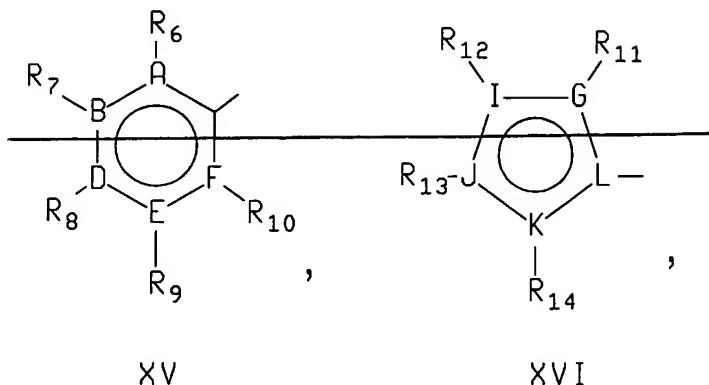
The present invention relates to compounds of the formula



R₂ is -R₄, -O-R₄, -O-S(O)₂-R₄, -NR₄R₅, R₄-(CH₂)_b-NH(C=X)-(CH₂)_c-, R₄-(CH₂)_b-O(C=O)NH-(CH₂)_c-(C=O)NH-, R₄-(C=O)NH-(C=O)NH-, -(CH₂)_b-NH(C=X)-(CH₂)_c-R₄, R₄-(CH₂)_b-O(C=O)-(CH₂)_c-, -(CH₂)_b-O(C=O)-(CH₂)_c-R₄, -NH(C=X)NH-R₄, R₄-O(C=O)O-, -O(C=O)NH-R₄, R₄-O(C=O)NH-, -(CH₂)_b-(C=O)-(CH₂)_c-R₄, -NH-S(O)₂-R₄, -C(OH)R₄R₅, -CH(OH)-R₄, -(C=O)-NR₄R₅, -CN, -NO₂, substituted C₁ to C₆ alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₆ alkenyl, or substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₆ alkynyl, said substituted moieties substituted with a moiety of the formulae -R₄, -R₄R₅, -O-R₄, or -S(O)_d-R₄;

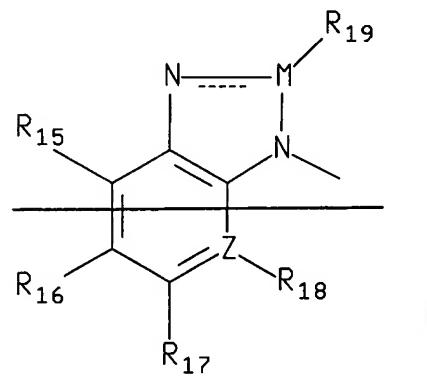
Amend the paragraph at Page 2, lines 14 to 35 as follows:

R_4 and R_5 are each independently

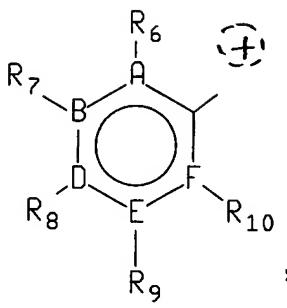


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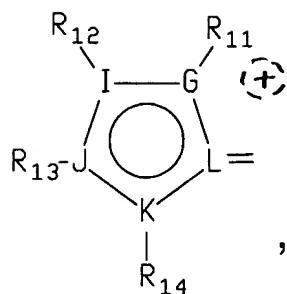
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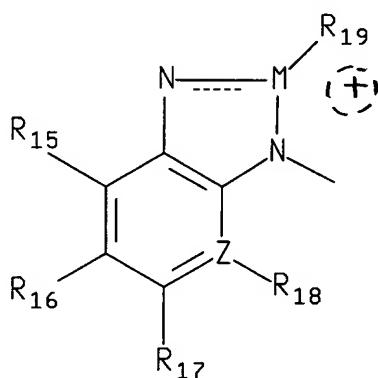
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hydrogen, $-CF_3$, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 alkylaryl, with the proviso that when R_2 is $-R_4$ or $-OR_4$, R_4 is not hydrogen or C_1 to C_6 alkyl;

Amend the paragraph at Page 3, lines 5 to 8 as follows:

R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{17} , and R_{18} are each independently H, halogen, $-CF_3$, $-(C=O)R_{20}$, $-CN$, $-OR_{20}$, $-NR_{20}R_{21}$, $-NR_{20}SO_2R_{22}$, $-N_2CO_2R_{22}$, $-N=C-N(CH_3)_2$, $-S(O)_eR_{20}$, $-SO_2NR_{20}R_{21}$, $-NO_2$, aryl, C_1 to C_6 alkylaryl, $-(C=O)OR_{20}$, $-(C=O)NR_{20}R_{21}$, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, $\underline{C_1}$ to C_6 alkenyl, and $\underline{C_1}$ to C_6 alkynyl;

Amend the paragraph at Page 3, lines 9 to 13 as follows:

R₆ and R₇, R₇ and R₈, R₈ and R₉, R₉ and R₁₀, R₁₁ and R₁₂, R₁₂ and R₁₃, R₁₃ and R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆, R₁₆ and R₁₇, and R₁₇ and R₁₈ may be taken together with the ring atoms to which they are attached to form a five-to-seven-membered alkyl ring, a six-membered aryl ring, a five to seven membered heteroalkyl ring having one heteroatom of N, O, or S, or a five-to six-membered heteroaryl ring having have 1 or 2 heteroatoms of N, O, or S;